THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The existing instructions provide that employees supplied with uniforms should turn up in proper uniforms, while on duty and failure to do so attract disciplinary action as well as discontinuance of further supplies. These instructions have been reiterated on 12.12.2000 *inter alia* that Departments should constitute a small group under overall supervision of an Officer of the level of Deputy Secretary / Director to ensure compliance. Chief Welfare Officer in Ministry of Personnel and Training has also been designated at the Central level to coordinate with various Ministries.

Disposal of cases filed by CBI

586.SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases disposed by the courts filed by CBI during 2000;

(b) the number of cases ended in conviction and acquittal; and

(c) the case in which the sentence of one month and fine also imposed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) According to the information made available by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), 509 cases were disposed of by the courts, during the year 2000, out of which 326 cases ended in conviction and 107 cases in acquittal. Sentence of one month was awarded in two cases—fine was not imposed in any of these cases.

Pendency of cases filed by CBI

587. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases pending for trail filed by CBI at the end of the year 2000;

(b) for how long these cases are pending; and

(c) if any case is pending for trial for more than 10 years, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) According to the information made available by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), 6233 cases are pending for trial as on 31.12.2000. The break-up of these cases is as under:

(i)	Cases pending upto 2 years	1133
(ii)	Cases pending for more than 2 years and upto 5 years	1448
(iii)	Cases pending for more than 5 years and upto 10 years	1850
(iv)	Cases pending for more than ten years	1802

(c) The reasons for delay in trial in courts of cases pending for more than ten years are as under:

(a) Stay on trials by the orders of Supreme Court/High Courts.

(b) Dilatory tactics adopted by defence by way of filling inter-locutary petitions / revision applications in higher courts.

(c) Frequent adjournments on the request of defence counsels.

(d) In most of the cases a large number of documents are required to be exhibited and witnesses examined.

(e) Non availability / appearance of witnesses in courts on scheduled dates.

(f) Due to heavy work load in the courts, long dates are given for hearing.

Amendment in service rules

588. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently decided to amend the service rules to enable it to grant an extension in service, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and